

Sports Opinion

The Sixth Man

By Ashley Conklin

The annual major league baseball all-star game was played Tuesday in the Houston Astrodome, and while the game will be far over by the time this column is published, it gives me time to reflect on those who did, and didn't make the teams.

The starters each year, with the exception of the pitcher, are chosen by voting of the leagues' fans. The rest of the players and all the pitchers for each 28-man squad are picked by the manager of each team. This year's managers are Dick Howser of the world champion Kansas City Royals for the American League and Whitey Herzog of the defending National League champion St. Louis Cardinals.

Voted to start for the NL were catcher Gary Carter of the New York Mets, Keith Hernandez also for the Mets at first base, Chicago Cub Ryne Sandberg at second base, third baseman Mike Schmidt of the Philadelphia Phillies, shortstop Ozzie Smith of the Cardinals, and an outfield chore of Tony Gwynn of the San Diego Padres, Dale Murphy of the Atlanta Braves, and Darryl Strawberry of the Mets.

All were good selections with a few exceptions. Herzog said if this were left to him, Murphy and Strawberry wouldn't start. Who should? Probably Tim Lincecum of the Montreal Expos and Chili Davis of San Francisco, or my pick, Mike Marshall of the Los Angeles Dodgers. The mysterious thing is that Marshall was left off the team.

Smith, for years the best shortstop in the NL, is also sparkling offensively. But Montreal's Hubie Brooks is phenomenal at the plate this year and plays a good defensive short stop in only his second season at that position.

It seems that everybody likes Sandberg at second, but I still feel the Dodgers Steve Sax should be starting there.

Other reserves named to the NL squad were catchers Jody Davis of Chicago and Tony Pena of the Pittsburgh Pirates; Glenn Davis of the Houston Astros at first base; Chris Brown of San Francisco at third base; and outfielders Kevin Bass of Houston and Dave Parker of the Cincinnati Reds.

New York's Dwight Gooden is 10-4 and was tapped to start for the NL. Other pitchers selected were Sid Fernandez, also of the Mets, Mike Scott and Dave Smith of Houston, Cincinnati's John Franco, Mike Krukow of San Francisco, Shane Rawley of Philadelphia, Jeff Reardon of Montreal, Rick Rhoden of Pittsburgh, and Fernando Valenzuela of Los Angeles for a total of 10 pitchers.

Really it's stupid to select 10 pitchers since only five will probably see action anyway.

Still there are several good pitchers and other players who could have made the team but didn't.

The Mets, with their excellent pitching staff, left starters Ron Darling and Bob Ozeda home, plus bullpen men Roger McDowell and Jesse Orosco. Oh well. I guess the whole Mets staff can't make it.

Other fine pitchers left off were Mike LaCoss of San Francisco and Lee Smith, the Chicago bullpen ace.

There were a host of other good players left off the team besides Marshall. Second basemen Bill Doran of the Astros and Johnny Ray of the Pirates were not added to the team. Atlanta could have sent Bob Horner at first base and Ken Oberkell at third. Steve Garvey of the Padres had started 10 straight all-star games at first. Ray Knight, of who else, the Mets, at third and San Francisco outfielder Jeffrey Leonard.

Enough of the NL squad. Let's take a look at the AL squad.

Topped to start were catcher Lance Parrish of the Detroit Tigers, rookie Wally Jayner of the California Angels at first base, Lou Whitaker of Detroit at second base, Wade Boggs of Boston Red Sox at third base (for Kansas City's injured George Brett), Baltimore Oriole shortstop Cal Ripken Jr., and an outfield trio of Rickey Henderson and Dave Winfield of the New York Yankees, and Kirby Puckett of the Minnesota Twins.

It's hard to see why Winfield was picked as a starter when he's struggling offensively and the Oakland Athletics rookie Jose Canseco has been awesome. It is nice to see Puckett starting over California's Reggie Jackson, who didn't make the team and deservedly so.

It might be a terrible thing to say, but maybe justice is being served in Brett's injury so that Boggs can start the game, which he will.

Also selected to pitch were knuckleballer Charlie Hough of the Texas Rangers, Mike Twitt of California Dan Aase of Baltimore, Ken Schrom of the Cleveland Indians, Willie Hernandez of Detroit, New York's Dave Righetti, and the Milwaukee Brewers' Ted Higuera.

With all respect, Higuera has pitched well, but with a 10-7 record, Dennis Rasmussen of New York (10-2), Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd of Boston (11-6), or Baltimore's Mike Boddicker (11-4) could have got the nod. Also, isn't it interesting that the NL selected 10 pitchers, but the AL only eight?

Other reserves for the AL are catcher Rich Gedman of Boston; first basemen Don Mattingly of New York and Eddie Murray of Baltimore, Frank White of KC at second base, Jim Presley of the Seattle Mariners and Book Jacoby of Cleveland (a late replacement) at third base; Toronto Blue Jay Tony Fernandez at shortstop; and out fielders Jim Rice of Boston, Jesse Barfield and Lloyd Moseby of Toronto, and Harold Baines of the Chicago White Sox.

Two talented Twins were left off in first baseman Kent Hrbek and Tom Brunansky. Rookie Danny Tartabull of Seattle also deserved a spot, as did Boston's Don Baylor. Justice will never be served.

Next week: One of the great things about writing a column is that you can write about whatever you wish each week. For this reason, I am abandoning my "Next week" line so the readers won't say I'm too predictable.

Over the Tee Cup

On Tuesday, July 8, 13 ladies gathered at Willow Creek Country Club for a morning golf.

Women of prizes for the first flight were: Harriet Pierson-low gross with 39 and Barbara Cutsforth-low net, 25.

Second flight winners were: Low gross-Eileen Padberg, 43; Muriel Palmer with 31; and least putts-Norma French with 14.

Long drive went to Anita Boyer. K.P. was won by Pat Edmundson.

On Monday, July 7 there was a visitation at Lower Valley Country Club. Heppner prize winners were Pat Edmundson-low gross and Eileen Padberg-low net.

Ladies Day

Low gross-Harriet Pierson. Low net-Hazel Mahoney, Dorothy Hawkins and Betty Rietmann. Least putts-Mary Beamer and Lorena Jones. K.P. Muriel Palmer.

Wednesday Duffers July 9

Low gross-Neoma Bailey. Low net-Harriet Evans. Most 6's-Harriet Batty. Try hardest-Florence Green. Most 5's-Jan Paustain.



Willow Creek All Stars: (from left) front row-Roger Lathrop, Jason Hanna, and Peter Pearson; second row: David Wagenblast, Scott Coe, Deacon Heideman, Steve Hoffman, and Travis Greenup; third row-Robert Ellison, Jim Kindle, Stacie Geer, Kyle Broderick, Trevor McCain, and Eric Todd; back row-Manager Kim Gutierrez and Coach Loran Heideman.

Willow Creek Little League All Stars

Willow Creek Little League All Stars will compete at a district tournament July 16-19 at The Dalles. The All Stars first round game begins at 12:30 Wednesday, Aug. 16, against the Columbia All Stars. District winners will compete at a state tournament in Portland later in July.

All stars are chosen from the Lexington, Heppner, Lone, Condon, and Fossil regular little league teams.

Barbecue and playday planned

There will be a family barbecue and play day at Willow Creek Country Club on Sunday, July 20 at 4 p.m.

Hosts for the afternoon are chairmen: John and Kelly Boyer, Duane and Robinai Disque, Gerald and Harriet Pierson, Doug and Sonja Smith, and Jim and Cam Wishart.

Each family will bring their own meat to barbecue. Those whose names begin with letters "A" through "I" are to bring salads, "J" through "Z" bring dessert.

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Anyone adult interested in becoming a judge, or who is now a judge wanting update, is welcomed. Due dates for applications are August 25 for Corvallis, and September 15 for other locations.

Those attending will receive a resource notebook, as well as intensive training.

Call the Morrow County Extension office, 676-9642, for additional details, and/or registration forms.

Pioneer family reunion planned

A pioneer family of the Oregon territory will be holding a family reunion at Cascade Locks Park, on Saturday, Aug. 2, and Sunday, Aug. 3.

John Berthold (Badall), and his wife, Ottilia (Philius) Berthold, and their three children, Mary, Phillip and John, arrived in the Oregon territory, prior to 1850, from Ohio. John was subsequently killed by Indians in California, and his widow married Daniel Cushman, who filed for and received a Donated Land Claim near Albany, Oregon. They had three children, Ellen, Elizabeth and Mary Cushman. Ottilia and John Berthold's daughter, Mary married Oliver W. Standard, and they moved to Washington territory, at Guy, which is now known as Albion, Washington, where they had four children, Winfield, Elizabeth, John and Phillip, who settled in Washington, Idaho and Oregon.

Anyone who believes that he, or she, is a member of this family, and has not been contacted yet, please call Nadine Berthold, in Portland, Oregon at (503) 252-1614 for more information.

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